Export of Minerals from Orissa

*317. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the minerals other than iron ore, which are at present being exported from Orissa through Paradeep Port;

(b) whether MMTC is the main canalising agency for exporting these minerals;

(c) if so, what is the quantum of minerals like iron ore, manganese, chrome ore, chromites and graphites exported through Paradeep Port to different countries during the last three years; and

(d) what amount of foreign exchange was earned thereby during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) and (b) Manganese ore and Chrome ore, besides iron ore, canalised through the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation of India (MMTC), are being exported by the MMTC from Orissa through Paradeep Port.

(c) and (d) The quantum and value of exports of these minerals exported by MMTC through Paradeep Port during the last three years is as under :—

Q—Quantity in Lakh Tonnes.
V—Value in Rupees Crores.

Item	1986-87		1987-88		1988-89 upto -8-3-89	
	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V
Iron Ore	20.80	41.56	17.10	31.61	15.93	31.80
Manages Ore . .	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	0.11	0.81
Chrome Ore . . .	0.57	6.72	1.38	13.11	4.38	50.19

information regarding the quantum and value of exports of graphites and other minerals from Orissa through Paradeep Port is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Remittance by Emigrant Workers

*318. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN:
SHRI M. KADHARSHA:
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of foreign exchange earned during the last three years by way of remittances by emigrant workers; and

(b) what would be the impact on such remittances due to steep fall in the number of emigrant workers during the months of December, 1988 and January, 1989?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Information in regard to remittances received from emigrant workers is not maintained separately.

Bank Loans for Weaker Sections

*319. SHRI M. S GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated a scheme to improve the economic status of the weaker sections of the society;

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme;

(c) whether the scheme was operated through the nationalised banks;

(d) whether certain norms were observed for the identification of the borrower by the banks;